

House Resolution 1270

By: Representatives Rogers of the 26th, Brockway of the 101st, Dudgeon of the 24th, and Cheokas of the 134th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Georgia Institute of Technology for the G. Wayne Clough Georgia Tech
2 Promise Scholarship; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Georgia Institute of Technology, led by President G.P. "Bud" Peterson, is
4 dedicated to opening doors of opportunity for higher education to academically qualified,
5 financially needy students across the State of Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, in pursuit of that commitment, the G. Wayne Clough Georgia Tech Promise
7 Scholarship Program was launched in 2007 to fill a gap in the financial aid support system
8 between traditional scholarships and grants and total cost of attendance; and

9 WHEREAS, named for Georgia Tech's tenth president, the scholarship program ensures
10 educational access by providing tuition and fees, books, and room and board for Georgians
11 whose families have an annual income of less than \$33,300; and

12 WHEREAS, the inaugural 2007 to 2008 academic year of Tech Promise assisted
13 approximately 60 students in obtaining a debt-free education at a nationally ranked institution
14 of higher learning; and

15 WHEREAS, the program is the only one of its kind at a public institution in this state and has
16 supported nearly 550 students from over half of Georgia's counties since 2007; and

17 WHEREAS, Tech Promise scholars have become valuable, contributing members of the
18 Georgia Tech community, as a group having retention rates and GPAs that exceed their
19 classes; and

20 WHEREAS, with the help of the Tech Promise program, students emerge prepared to work
21 in leading industries that contribute to the overall economic success of Georgia; and

22 WHEREAS, the Tech Promise Scholarship has been made possible by prudent stewardship
23 of the Georgia Tech Foundation and the generous giving of Georgia Tech alumni and friends,
24 who are well on the way to establishing a \$50 million endowment for the program.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
26 the members of this body express their gratitude to the many Georgia Tech alumni and
27 friends who have supported and continue to support the Tech Promise program, commend
28 the Georgia Institute of Technology for helping open doors of opportunity to financially
29 needy Georgia students through the G. Wayne Clough Georgia Tech Promise Scholarship
30 Program, and extend their best wishes for continued success for the program.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
32 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to President G.P. "Bud"
33 Peterson.